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1. KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM TO TANZANIA WILL INCLUDE DR. IBRAHIM SHIHATA, DR. ABD AL-RAHIM AL-MERGANI AND AN ENGINEER. SHIHATA IS AN EGYPTIAN LAWYER EDUCATED AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, AND MERGANI IS FORMER SENIOR PLANNING OFFICIAL IN THE SUDAN. ENGINEER, WHO IS EGYPTIAN, RECENTLY JOINED KUWAIT FUND AND IS NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY. BOTH SHIHATA AND MERGANI ARE WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN GENERALLY FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH US.

2. KUWAIT FUND GROUP INTENDS ARRIVE IN TANZANIA AROUND FEBRUARY 20 FROM UGANDA, BUT THEIR EXACT ETA NOT KNOWN. NOR DO THEY KNOW WHERE THEY WILL BE STAYING WHILE IN DAR ES SALAAM. DR. SHIHATA INDICATED THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH EMBOFFS RE NATIONAL TEXTILE PROJECT.

3. KUWAIT FUND TEAM WILL INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT AID SPECIALISTS
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WHOSE EXPERIENCE IN EAST AFRICA IS LIMITED AND WHOSE FOCUS IS

AID RATHER THAN INVESTMENT. THEY PROBABLY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE AMEMBASSY OFFICERS COULD PROVIDE, BUT THEY MAY ALSO BE A BIT CAUTIOUS OUT OF CONCERN AT TANZANIAN REACTION TO USG INVOLVEMENT IN SOMETHING BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND KUWAITI INSTITUTION. SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT EMBOFFS USE LOW-KEY, SOFT SELL APPROACH.

4. EMBASSY KUWAIT WILL ENDEAVOR REPLY TO REF C ASAP BUT THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY GIVEN PRESENT HEAVY SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL AND OTHER VISITORS. COPY KUWAIT A-113 BEING POUCHED.
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